

SAFT Batteries - Air Force

**Proposed Recipient:** Saft America Inc.

**Address of Proposed Recipient:** 711 Industrial Blvd, Valdosta GA 31601

**Amount of Request:** \$2 Million

**Explanation of Request**

**Purpose:** Li-ion batteries will save weight on board aircrafts reducing fuel consumption and ultimately cost. Li-ion technology will also bring operational advantages like low temperature capabilities enhancing the operation of the aircrafts in difficult climate conditions. Last but not least Li-ion technology last longer and is maintenance free which will result in additional cost savings for the user.

**Why is it a good use of Taxpayer funds:** Advance US aviation energy storage technology to develop safe highly energy dense aviation capabilities.